

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An identification device for a hose clamp, comprising:  
an identification member; and  
a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein the identification member is in the form of a plate.
3. The device of claim 1, further comprising a stabilizing plate attached to the cross member so the stabilizing plate is substantially parallel the identification plate.
4. The device of claim 3, wherein the stabilizing plate is removably retained substantially adjacent said clamp.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein the identification member further comprises a member that engages the clamp.
6. The device of claim 1, wherein the identification device substantially matches the contours of the hose clamp so no portions of the identification device substantially protrude beyond the hose clamp.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the identification device is secured adjacent the hose clamp to reduce or prevent movement of the identification device independent of the hose clamp.
8. An identification device for a hose clamp, comprising:  
identification means; and  
means for retaining the identification means adjacent a hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located.
9. An identification device for a hose, comprising:  
an identification member; and  
a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

10. An identification marker for a hose clamp, comprising:

an identification plate;

a cross member attached to said identification plate, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification plate adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

a protrusion that engages the clamp.

11. A hose clamp containing an identification device, the identification device comprising:

an identification member; and

a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

12. The clamp of claim 13, wherein the identification member further comprises a protrusion that engages the clamp.

13. An identification system for a hose, the system containing an identification device comprising:

an identification member; and

a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the identification member further comprises a protrusion that engages the clamp.

15. A method for making an identification device for a hose clamp, the method comprising:

providing an identification member; and

providing a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

16. A method for making a hose clamp containing an identification device, the method comprising:

providing a hose clamp; and

providing an identification device containing an identification member and a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

17. A method for making an identification system, comprising:

providing a hose with a hose clamp; and

providing an identification device on the hose clamp, the identification device comprising an identification member and a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

18. A method for identifying the contents of a hose, comprising:

providing a hose with a fluid;

providing a hose clamp on the hose; and

installing, removing, or interchanging an identification marker on the hose clamp without interfering with the hose 30.

19. A method for identifying the contents of a hose, comprising:

providing a hose with a fluid;

coupling a hose clamp to the hose;

attaching an identification marker to the hose clamp; and

using the identification marker to identify the fluid.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising providing the identification marker with an engaging member for securing the marker to the hose clamp.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the identification marker is removably retained substantially adjacent said clamp.

22. The method of claim 19, wherein the identification marker straddles the hose.

23. A method for identifying the contents of a hose, comprising:  
providing a hose with a fluid;  
attaching an identification marker to a hose clamp;  
coupling the hose clamp to the hose; and  
using the identification marker to identify the fluid.
24. The method of claim 23, further comprising providing the identification marker with an engaging member for securing the marker to the hose clamp.
25. The method of claim 23, wherein the identification marker is removably retained substantially adjacent said clamp.
26. The method of claim 23, wherein the identification marker straddles the hose.